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First Named Inventor	Fujio Tanaka
Art Unit	1724
Examiner Name	Ivars C. Cintins
Attorney Docket Number	1217-010754

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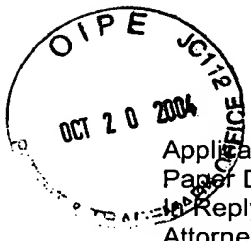
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 18, 2004 and Advisory Action of September 15, 2004, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for Extension of Time, the requisite fees and the following remarks, and respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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